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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON LAW OF WAR

1. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE OF MARTIN EATON (MOFA LEGAL), SIR VINCENT EVANS, OR SIR COLIN CROWE, WHICHEVER APPROPRIATE, WHETHER HMG PLANS TO CONVENE ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT USG BELIEVES THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND NEED FOR WEST TO HAVE AS COORDINATED POSITION AS POSSIBLE. IF HMG IS NOT INTENDING TO HOLD SUCH CONSULTATIONS, YOU SHOULD SOLICIT VIEWS ON WHICH GOV MIGHT CONVENE SUCH MEETING AND WHERE MEETING COULD BE HELD.

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2. THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD CONSIDER SUBSTANTIVE POSI-

TIONS TO BE TAKEN AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. THEY WILL BE
COMPLEMENTARY TO SEPARATE CONSULTATIONS THAT WESTERN GROUP
DECIDED TO HOLD (PER PARA 9 OF TEHRAN 8052) IN GENEVA TWO
DAYS PRIOR TO OPENING OF CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD FOCUS MORE
ON POLITICAL AND TACTICAL ISSUES. AT TEHRAN, IT WAS INFOR-
MALLY AGREED THAT UK OR US WOULD CONVENE THESE LATTER CON-
SULTATIONS, TO BE HELD FEB 18-19. IF UK MISSION HAD SPACE,
CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD THERE; OTHERWISE, WE WOULD SEE
WHETHER US MISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD THESE CONSULTA-
TIONS. WE REQUEST MISSION TO COORDINATE WITH UK MISSION

AS APPROPRIATE WITH VIEW TO DETERMINING PLACE OF FEB 18-19
CONSULTATIONS AND NOTIFYING OTHER WEO GROUP MEMBERS OF
MEETING. KISSINGER

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